IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| TOSHIHIKO TAKEDA ET AL. | : Examiner: James Lin |
| Application No.: 10/774,583 | : Group Art Unit: 1762 |
| 11 | : Confirmation No. 9531 |
| Filed: February 10, 2004 |) |
| For: A MANUFACTURING METHOD OF AN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS | |
| (As Amended) | November 21, 2006 |
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| Commissioner for Patents | |
| P.O. Box 1450 | |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, SUBMISSION OF TERMINAL DISCLAIMER, AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action of May 25, 2006 to November 25, 2006. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee in the amount of \$1,020.00 in payment of the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3939. Further, please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 50-3939.

In response to the Office Action of May 25, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider the following remarks in the above-identified application.